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SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENT IN FEDAYEEN- SUDANESE RELATIONS

1. LOCAL PRO- FEDAYEEN, PRO- CAIRO AL MUHARRIR REPORTED MAR 16 THAT THREE GROUPS OF JORDANIANS, MASQUERADING AS BLACK SEPTEMBRISTS, HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN CAIRO BY EGYPTIAN INTELLIGENCE ON BASIS INFO PROVIDED BY FEDAYEEN. GROUPS ALLEGEDLY POSSESSED ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES AND WERE PLANNING BLOW UP SUDANESE EMBASSY IN CAIRO IN EFFORT FURTHER EXACERBATE FEDAYEEN- SUDANESE RELATIONS.

2. SAME PAPER REPORTED IMPROVEMENT IN FEDAYEEN- SUDANESE
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RELATIONS FOLLOWING RECENT CONTACTS BETWEEN NUMAYRI AND COMMANDO LEADERS. (WE NOTE THAT, IN ADDITION TO IRAQI NEWS AGENCY REPORT, CITED PARA 3 KHARTOUM 550, THAT ' ARAFAT HAS INSTRUCTED ALL PLO INFORMATION MEDIA TO CEASE ATTACKS ON GOS, MAR 13 Wafa DAILY BULLETIN REPORTED THAT, AS RESULT OF IRAQI INTERIOR MINISTER' S MEDIATION VISIT TO KHARTOUM, GOS HAD DECIDED DISCONTINUE ITS " INFORMATION CAMPAIGN" AGAINST FEDAYEEN. Wafa BULLETIN HAS CARRIED NO ANTI- SUDANESE MATERIAL SINCE MAR 13.) MUHARRIR SAID FEDAYEEN LEADERS HAD BECOME " GREATLY OPTIMISTIC" RE POSSIBILITY OF RESTORING " BROTHERLY RELATIONS" WITH GOS, HAVING RECEIVED WORD (APPARENTLY VIA PLO' S KHARTOUM REP AND ARAB LEAGUE EMISSARY MUHAMMAD AL FARRA AS WELL AS IRAQI MINISTER THAT NUMAYRI NOW HAS " BETTER UNDERSTANDING" OF FEDAYEEN POSITION RE KAHRTOUM OPERATION AND HAD NOT BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ANTI- PALESTINIAN STATEMENTS MADE BY CERTAIN SUDANESE OFFICIALS. CLAIMED ' ARAFAT WOULD SHORTLY SEND ANOTHER SPECIAL EMISSARY TO KHARTOUM TO MEET WITH NUMAYRI.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE REPORTS SUGGEST PLO/ FATAH ESTABLISHMENT IS MAKING EFFORT TO ASSUAGE SUDANESE WRATH OVER KHARTOUM OPERATION IN ORDER PROTECT LIVES OF TERRORISTS HELD BY GOS AND LIMIT DAMAGE TO ITS REPUTATION ABROAD AND RELATIONS WITH ARAB REGIMES. ON OTHER HAND, THERE SEEMS BE NO SLACKENING OF FEDAYEEN HOSTILITY TOWARD JORDAN DESPITE KING' S DECISION SPARE LIFE OF ABU DAOUD.
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